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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 150 and 190-256 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 150 and 190-256 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 150 and 190-256 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 150, line 13, the use of the term "one material" is indefinite since it not clear whether "one material" refers to component (a) or (a) of the instant claim.

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Claim 191 is not further limiting and, thus, should be canceled.

OK

In at least claims 190, 200, 207, 214, 219, 223, 224, the selective formats of various groups are improper in that it is not clear whether the individual members in the group are selected in alternatives only or in both alternatives and combinations. In general, when the members of in the group are individually chosen as alternatives, the format, "selected from A, B,..., or X" or "selected from the group consisting of A, B,..., and X", should be used; and when the members in the group are chosen both in alternatives and combinations, the format "selected from the group consisting of A, B,..., X, and mixtures thereof" should be used. See MPEP 2173.05 (h). Applicants are requested to amend the selective formats for all of the claims according to the above guidance.

argue

Claim 195, lines 14-16, symbols "Ra" and "R3" are ill formatted and proper corrections are requested.

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Allowable Subject Matter

3. All of the pending claims would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The instant application is a divisional application of application SN 09/629,420. Since the instant claims share the same scope of novelty as the claims of the parent application, thus, for the same reason as stated in the parent application which is repeated as the following, the instant claims are deemed to be novel.

"The working Examples 1-9, and 11 of Ohsugi et al. (US 5,066,720) teaches a curable coating composition comprising a hydroxyl functional group containing siloxane, an aminoplast curing agent such as melamine-formaldehyde resin, a titanium dioxide filler, and hydroxyl containing acrylic resin. While the cited prior art seems to generally to have similar components of the siloxane composition as that of the instant claims, the structures of those components are not identical to those of the working examples of the instant applications. Thus, one would not have expected that the siloxane compositions of the cited prior art when cured have scratch resistance value such that after scratch testing greater than 40 % of the initial 20° gloss is retained as the siloxane composition of the instant claims. Therefore, the instant claims are deemed to be novel."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Caixia Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1106. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful and the matter is urgent, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached at (571) 272-1114. The

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